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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, NA

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: EASTERN AIRLINES SCHEDULES TO ST.  
MAARTEN

REF: STATE 182352

1. IN COURSE OF LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON VARIOUS CIVAIR MATTERS, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION FOR NETHERLANDS ANTILLES CONFIRMED ISSUING ORDER TO EASTERN AIRLINES REQUESTING TAKEOFF TIME CHANGE OF 9:54AM FLIGHT AT ST. MAARTEN TO NOT LATER THAN 9:30AM.

2. PURPOSE OF ORDER WAS TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE TO PUBLIC AND TO HELP RELIEVE AIRPORT CONGESTION. ST. MAARTEN S AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING IS SMALL, NOT AIRCONDITIONED, WITH WAITING ROOM SEATING FOR APPROXIMATELY 40 PERSONS. COMBINED FACILITIES OF THIS PUBLIC WAITING ROOM AND DEPARTURE LONGE/ BOARDING GATE AREA ARE BARELY ADEQUATE TO ACCOMMODATE ONE PLANE LOAD OF PASSENGERS. DEPARTURE OF TWO PLANES AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME CAUSES SERIOUS PASSENGER CONGESTION IN TERMINAL BUILDING AND MAKES EVEN THE BRIEFEST PREDEPARTURE WAIT EXTREMELY UNCOMFORTABLE. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AT ST. MAARTEN AIRPORT CONFIRMS SERIOUS NATURE OF THIS PROBLEM.

3. ACCORDING DIRECTOR CIVAIR, ST. MAARTEN AIRPORT MANAGER  
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AND EASTERN STATION MANAGER DISCUSSING PROPOSAL THAT WOULD REQUIRE EASTERN TO ROLLBACK TAKEOFF TIME 15 MINUTES INSTEAD OF ORIGINAL 30.

4. DIRECTOR STATED IMPACT OF ORIGINAL ORDER ON EASTERN S OPERATIONS NOT FULLY REALIZED AND ASSURED ME THAT IF 15 MINUTE PROPOSAL NOT SATISFACTORY TO EASTERN HE WOULD CANCEL

ORDER AND ALLOW EASTERN TO RETURN TO ORIGINAL TAKEOFF TIME.

5. TO EFFECT THIS CHANGE, DIRECTOR REQUESTED LETTER FROM EASTERN CITING ALL ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS CREATED BY ORIGINAL ORDER TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR RECONSIDERATION. EASTERN S TELEX/CABLE ADDRESS SHOULD BE INCLUDED TO ALLOW PROMPT NOTICE OF AUTHORIZATION TO IGNORE ORIGINAL ORDER. DIRECTOR STATED HE WISHED TO COOPERATE IN THIS MATTER AND DID NOT INTEND TO CREATE PROBLEMS FOR EASTERN IN HIS ATTEMPT TO SOLVE AIRPORT CONGESTION DIFFICULTIES.

6. REQUEST DEPARTMENT RELAY THIS INFORMATION TO EASTERN.  
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